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Cherry Blossom Festival

Mar. 25-Apr. 9



Fireworks on the Southwest waterfront on Sat. Apr. 1 will be a highlight of Southwest's involvement in the National Cherry Blossom Festival Mar. 25-Apr. 9.

The main attraction of the festival, of course, is the location in Southwest of the thousands of Japanese Cherry Trees blossoming around the Tidal Basin and around Hains Point.

A parade along Constitution Ave. from 7th to 17th St. NW and a Japanese street festival on Pennsylvania Ave. NW both on Sat. Apr. 8 will climax the festival.

Peak blossoming of the cherry trees

is expected between Mon. Mar. 27 and Sat. Apr. 1 but temperatures before that time can change the date. Residents of Southwest can walk a few blocks to see the blossoming cherry trees around the Tidal Basin by the Jefferson Memorial starting at 15th St. S.W. or take the Metro to Smithsonian Station at 12th and Independence Ave. S.W.

Hains Point (East Potomac Park) is lined with cherry trees. The park is open for driving during daylight hours, with curbside parking.

A map of the location of cherry trees is on the National Park Service web site.

PARADE INFORMATION

Time of parade: 10 am.

Parade Route: Constitution Ave. from 7th to 17th St. NW. Grandstand tickets are \$15 at Ticketmaster. Standing along the route is free. (202-661-7580) TV Channel 7 and NewsChannel 8 will simulcast the parade. Giant balloons, floats and marching Bands including Ballou and Dunbar High. METRO stops recommended are Archives/Navy Mem'l on the Green and Yellow lines and Federal Triangle on the Orange & Blue lines.

SW Waterfront Is 'A Changing

The first steps have been taken by the DC government to change the face of the SW waterfront, which was last redesigned by SW Urban Renewal in the 1950s and 60s.

In 2003, after the DC Office of Planning had convened months of public meetings in the SW neighborhood, the DC council adopted the planners' sweeping plan to close Water St. SW and fill the space with residences, offices and shops.

Now the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation, (AWC), which controls much of the SW Waterfront and soon will control more, has issued a request for developers to indicate their interest in owning and managing some or all of the available land.

Developers will have until noon Mon. May 1, 2006, to respond to this "Request for Expressions of Interest ("RFEI") for the Re-development of the Southwest Waterfront".

The document issued by the AWC states:

"The purpose of the RFEI is to identify Developers with experience in large-scale, mixed-use, residential and public/private development who are interested in implementing AWC's vision for Southwest: a true urban destination, where maritime activity and commerce mix with culture and housing to form a vibrant neighborhood."

Interested developers were given until March 17 to submit questions about the RFEI by email and not to question any other person affiliated with AWC. Answers will be posted on the website. A conference will be held on March 22.

After the responses are given to AWC by May 1, notification of Non-Responsive offers will be made on June 1 and interviews at a later time.

The Request for Expressions of Interest lists the new website www.anacostiawaterfront.net as the source of additional information.

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Neal Peirce At SWNA Mar. 27

SWNA co-founder and nationally syndicated columnist Neal Peirce will lead a discussion on the changes to Southwest DC since 1964 when he was one of the founders of what is now the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc. Joining him will be past SWNA President Thelma Jones. Swearing in of the newly elected officers and board representatives will be held.

The recent increases in property tax assessments may be discussed.

Elections for SWNA Mar. 25

At tables at Waterfront Mall, 401 M St. S.W., residents will elect their neighborhood officers Sat., Mar. 25 from 10 am to 3 pm. (See ballot and map p. 3).

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Circulator Bus Goes Closer To Restaurants

The Circulator Buses now continue on 6th St. S.W. to Water St and go past the restaurants on Water St. to 9th St. SW. See story on p. 5.

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Hand Dancing at NARFE

An enthusiastic group of senior citizens showed off their line dancing skills and Lindy moves at the monthly meeting of the SW Waterfront chapter of NARFE (National Association of Active and Retire Federal Employees). Levet Brown, Jr. and Willie Mae Brown having retired from work at the U S Air Force started a dance group called Our Lady Queen of Peace Senior Dancers, which demonstrated dancing. It that didn't look like their average age of the dancers was 68.

2007 Ground Breaking At Arena Stage

Fundraising for the massive reconstruction of Arena Stage at 6th St. S.W. and Maine Ave. NW continues with expected groundbreaking estimated for 2007.

Tentative plans to find a temporary location during construction have been cancelled. The Kreeger and the Fischandler, will alternate staying open and presenting a season of plays during the 27 month construction period.

Popular projects such as the Arena Summer Camp and school outreach programs will continue throughout.

4 sodas and 4 snacks thrown in will be continued for the run of The Rainmaker, courtesy of Target Stores. Two of the tickets must be for Children.

SW Night May 12

\$10 tickets for SW area residents and employees are available at Arena Stage for the 8 pm performances on Fri. May 12 ("On the Verge: Or the Geography of Yearning."

SW residents and those who work in SW can buy up to 4 tickets at this 75% discount price for those evening.

Family Bargain Prices At Arena Stage

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Southwest Community Calendar April 2006

THURS. MAR. 23 NARFE lunch meeting, SW Library, 12:30 pm

SAT. MAR. 25 SWNA Public Voting at Waterfront Mall, 401 M St SW, 10-3 pm

SAT. MAR. 25-SAT. Apr. 9 – National Cherry Blossom Festival, in SW & throughout DC

SAT. MAR. 25 Kite Flying on the Mall

MON. MAR. 27 SWNA Public meeting, St. Augustine Episcopal Church, Maine Ave & 6th St. SW, 7:30 pm

WED. MAR. 29 River Park Friends public meeting and report on grants, 1311 Delaware Ave. SW, 7 pm

TUES. APR. 4 Jefferson Jr. High PTA, Jeff Jr. High, 7th and H St. SW, 7 pm

TUES. APR. 4 Police Citizens Advisory Council, 415 4th St SW, 7 pm

SUN. APR. 9 to Sun. Apr. 16 Easter Week for churches (partial schedule p.10)

MON. APR. 10 Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D public meeting, 65 I (Eye) St. SW, 7 pm

MON. APR. 10-FRI. Apr. 14 No School. Spring Break,

SAT. APR. 15 Community breakfast, \$5, Christ United Methodist Church, 4th & I (Eye) St. SW (back entrance) 9 am – 11 am.

SAT. APR. 15 College step show at King Greenleaf Recreation Center, First & N St. SW, admission \$2, food sold, 2 pm-4 pm

MON. APR. 17 Emancipation Day Holiday in D.C.. No School

WED. APR. 19 AARP meeting, River Park, 1311 Delaware Ave. SW, 12 noon

MON. APR. 24 SWNA public meeting, St. Augustine Episcopal Church, Maine Ave & 6th SW, 7:30 pm

THURS. APR. 27 NARFE lunch meeting, SW Library, K St. SW & Wesley Pl. SW, 12:30 pm

FRI. APR. 28 Teen Night Out, King-Greenleaf Recreation Center, First and N St. SW

WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY

KOMEN TOASTMASTERS – First & Third Sat., S.W. Library, 10 am.

FIL-AM TOASTMASTERS – Second & Fourth Wed., S.W. Library, 6:15 pm

SCHOOL ST. TOASTMASTERS – Every Tues., 400 Virginia Ave. S.W., Room 888 – noon

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTORS Club – First & Third Wed., Christ United Methodist Church, 300 block of I (Eye) St. S.W., 7 pm 202-291-6229

S.W. KIWANIS – First & Third Mon., Christ United Methodist Church, 4th & I St. S.W., 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

NEW SOUTHWEST TOASTMASTERS – Every Wed. GSA Bldg – 7th & D St. S.W., Room 5009 (inside cafeteria), noon.

Please submit calendar items for the next issue by Wed., April 5.

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SWNA Ballot

For Sat. Mar. 25 at Mall

Every resident of SW DC (zip code 20024) ages 18 or over can vote Sat. Mar. 25 at the tables at Waterside Mall for Neighborhood officers and board members of The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. Names on the ballots are listed here, but write-ins are permitted. Voters write their addresses on cards and are given a ballot for the district (1, 2, 3, or 4) in which they resided. The polls are open from 10 am to 3 pm.

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Marge Maceda

SWNA VICE PRESIDENT

(vote for one)
Tom Heinemann

SWNA SECRETARY

(vote for one)
Margaret (Meg) Brinckman

SWNA TREASURER

(vote for one)
Ellen Winship

IF YOU LIVE IN DISTRICT ONE

(vote for no more than two)
Lida Churchville
Perry Klein

IF YOU LIVE IN DISTRICT TWO

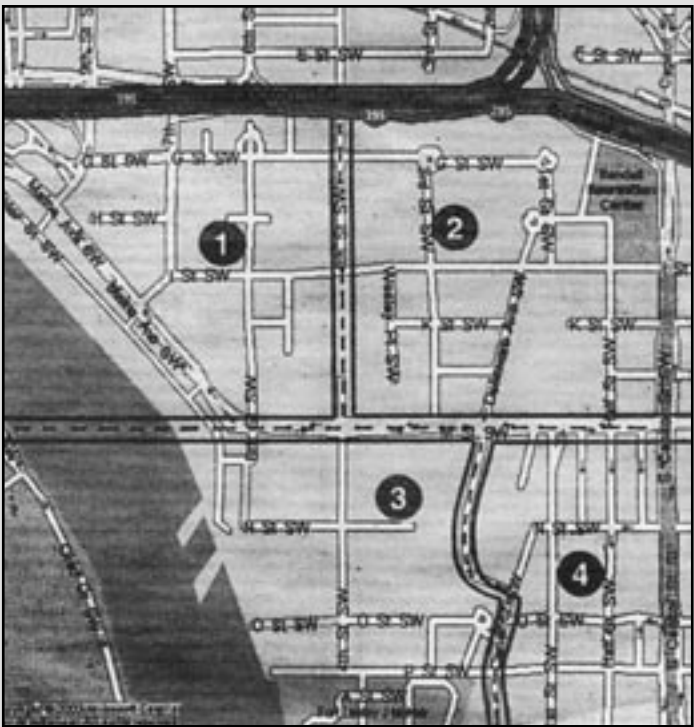
(vote for no more than two)
Ron McBee
Patricia Patterson

IF YOU LIVE IN DISTRICT THREE

(vote for no more than two)
William J. "Bill" Brawner
Tom Davidson
John Hayes
Carolyn G. Mitchell

IF YOU LIVE IN DISTRICT FOUR

(vote for no more than two)
Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert
Ken LaCruise



This map shows the four election districts for SWNA elections.

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- Prepare regulatory submittals for permits.
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- Some project management experience required.
- Strong interpersonal, communication, and problem solving skills.

Excellent proficiency in the Microsoft Office Suite including Project and Power Point required. Knowledge of Autocad and GIS preferred. 2-4 years of related work experience in professional design disciplines.

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GED Practice Tests in SW Weds.

The MLK Main Library gives the practice GED test on Wednesdays at 3 p.m. AT THESW BRANCH LIBRARY, K St. SW but you have to register for an appointment by calling 202-727-1616 or 202-727-6976. The test takes 4 1/2 hours and a picture ID is required.

Free Tax Advice At SW Library

AARP is giving free advice on filling out tax forms. Call the SW Library for the hours. 202-724-4752.

ANC6D Committee System

The local Near SW, Near SE Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D has set up three committees of seven neighborhood people each to make recommendations on three subjects: Alcohol Beverage Control, Community Outreach, and Development and Planning.

Committee members are appointed by the seven ANC members. Appointments made by the time The Southwester went to press are: ABC Committee: Sonya Ponds, Allan Holland, Haj Al Hadith, Coralie Farlee and Cynthia

Hopkins. Community Outreach Committee: Sandy Carroll, C.W. Hargrave, Patricia Patterson, Naomi Monk (chair), and Irene Washington. Development and Planning Committee: Deb Moss, Jennifer Rachels, Ateyah Ball-Lacey, Shkeda Johnson and Burnetta Coles.

The website www.anc.dc.gov lists information on ANCs throughout the city, with a separate link for ANC6D and the 30 some other ANCs.

Hazardous Waste Apr. 22

The next disposal event at Carter Barron Amphitheatre parking lot is Sat. Apr. 22 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Safe disposal of household and auto chemicals and electronics like televisions and computers is free and open to all District residents. Drop off your items at the parking lot at 16th St. N.W. and Kennedy Streets NW

Electronic appliances will be broken down – plastics, glass, toxic metals – and recycled or disposed of safely. Spent batteries of all kinds and even asbestos floor tiles are dangerous if put in ordinary trash. Safe disposal is provided through this waste disposal event.

Items that will not be accepted include ammunition, bulk trash, wooden TV consoles, propane tanks, microwave ovens, air conditioners and other appliances, as well as radioactive or medical wastes. Visit the Dept. of Public Works web site at www.dpw.dc.gov to learn more.

SWNA Honors Justice Thurgood Marshall

The monthly meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly for February, Black History Month, was devoted to honoring Justice Thurgood Marshall, appointed by President Lyndon Johnson as the first African American on the US Supreme Court. Representing the NAACP Marshall had won a string of civil rights cases before the US Supreme Court, including Brown vs Board of Education of Topeka, "the landmark case that demolished the legal basis for segregation in America."

Roger Wilkins Moves The Crowd

Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall was a mentor and model to young attorney Roger Wilkins. And now thirty years later as Professor Wilkins with gray hair and a distinguished career of his own, Roger Wilkins moved the crowd at the Southwest Assembly meeting in Feb. with his intimate portrait of the great Justice Marshall.

The courage and humanity of Justice Marshall was evident from Professor Wilkins recounting of events and incidents and personal conversations between Justice Marshall



Professor Roger Wilkins addressing the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly in St. Augustine Episcopal Church at Maine Ave. SW and 6th St.



Cissy Marshall, left, widow of Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, answered questions about the justice at the SWNA meeting. Former SWNA President Thelma Jones, right, introduced her.

and Wilkins.

Roger Wilkins is a Professor at George Mason University, served as Assistant Attorney General under President L B Johnson, wrote for *The New York Times*, *Washington Post* and *Washington Star* and is an award winning author. He has been a resident of Southwest DC for 30 years.



Jamal O. Jones recited his poem, "Thurgood Marshall – A Mighty Man."



Philippe C. Benoit of the World Bank, addressed the SWNA meeting



SWNA President Marge Maceda opened and closed the SWNA meeting.



These artists displaying at Tiber Island apartments were pictured in such a small photo in the March issue as to be unrecognizable. Our apologies. They are (front row left to right) Johari Rashad, Ruth Cuestas, Beryl Rice, Terry Parmelee, Ed Brooks; Back row, Sharron Jamison, Paul St. Hilaire, Kay Layne, John Carroll, Bill Whiston. Not pictured are Tom Walsh, John Darby.

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New Capper Seniors Apts. Open In Oct.

Concerned residents are now working to ensure near SE/SW seniors benefit from the first Hope VI housing to open this fall in near SE. The new Arthur Capper Senior Building on I St SE across from the new U.S. Marine Barracks will be completed in October. The Edgewood Management Company will begin accepting applications no later than July. The new senior building will have 162 units contained on four floors. Building amenities include an internal courtyard, an observation deck and an on-site space for medical exams.

Senior residents currently living in the old Arthur Capper Senior building will move directly into the new building, if they meet criteria related to credit history, criminal background checks and can demonstrate an ability to maintain a clean and sanitary living space (or have support to enable him/her to meet the standards). Seniors in other public housing, or in the surrounding neighborhoods and the Washington Metro area are also eligible to apply, in that order, if their income does not exceed 60% of the Area Median Income. Senior applicants for non-public housing rental units can



This early March, 2006, photo shows the first of the new Capper Senior Residences under Hope Six nearing completion.

apply for a rental if they can pay the posted monthly rent and expected utility expenses, which should not exceed 30%-40% of the applicant's household income.

The Near SE/SW Community Benefits Coalition, in conjunction with

Arthur Capper residents and the South Washington Collaborative, is advocating for seniors with the DC Housing Authority (DCHA) and the Hope VI Steering Committee and is planning senior-oriented workshops at the old Arthur Capper site to ensure that the opportunities

for the new housing do benefit as many of our near SE/SW seniors as possible.

For information on the workshops, contact the South Washington Collaborative at 202-488-7997.

Report on "Old Southwest" at Library

The University of Maryland, College Park, study of historical buildings still standing in Near Southwest is on file at the Southwest Branch Library, K St. SW and Wesley Pl. S. W. The full text is also on the website of the D.C. Preservation League: www.dcpreservation.org.

Graduate students at U MD have studied historical records and documents, photographed buildings, and interviewed many people to record the buildings in "Old Southwest", east of 2nd St. SW and south of M St. S.W. to the Anacostia River. Professor Hayden Wetzel discussed the report at the Jan. meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly.

The Acknowledgement page in the report states "We would also like to express our appreciation to the following individuals. Without their time and interest, our insight into the Study Area would have been limited." Of the five named two are knowledgeable SW residents: Phyllis Martin and Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert. The latter is listed in the phone book on Half St. S.W. at 202-1265, for anyone who might be interested in following up on the study.

March "Women's History Month"

"Women: Builders of Communities & Dreams" is the theme of this year's Women's

History Month, telling the story of the role of women in transforming communities and the dreams of its citizens.

On Thurs. Mar. 26 the SW Waterfront chapter of the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employee has invite Council Chair Linda Cropp to speak.

SW Artist Displays In April

SW artist Heather Levy will have a one woman show at the Graham Collection in NE during the month of April. The opening reception is from 3 to 6 pm Sat. April 8 at Graham Collection, 3518 12th St. NE. The show runs from Apr. 1-30th. For information at the Graham Collection phone 202-832-9292. Ms. Levy's website is www.HeatherLevy.com.

New Circulator Bus Routes

By Lida Churchville

Good News: Starting Sunday, Mar. 19th, we have a new Smithsonian Circle route for Circulator passengers to take, as well as an enlarged route for the existing 7th and 9th Street Circulator Bus connecting the Convention Center and the SW Waterfront.

The Smithsonian Circle bus route starts at the corner of 4th St. and Pennsylvania Avenue at the East Wing of the National Gallery. The bus goes south to

Independence Avenue where it turns right and continues to 17th Street before turning right again. Passing the World War II Monument, the Smithsonian Circle bus turns right on Constitution Avenue and proceeds until it meets Pennsylvania Avenue at the East Wing where the bus turns right on 4th Street to start the circle again. There are a number of stops convenient to the Mall museums, galleries, and monuments along the route.

The SW Waterfront - Convention Circulator Bus route changes slightly at both ends of the route. The bus continues to come south on 7th Street to I Street and turn right on 6th Street. The Arena Stage stop will no longer be a layover stop. Instead it is a regular stop for passengers before the bus continues down 6th to Water Street. Then the Circulator Bus proceeds along Water Street to 9th Street near Jenny's and Phillips Restaurants where the bus circles back up 9th St. to G, stopping before 7th St and turns left on 7th St. before heading for the Mall. At the Convention Center end of the route, the bus goes two blocks further North before

turning left on O Street in order to come back down 9th Street to Pennsylvania Avenue before returning to 7th St.

These changes open up new opportunities for SW bus passengers. Transfers from one Circulator Bus route to another are good for two hours. Have a good time checking out the Spring flowers and, please, be nice to the tourists.

Cherry Blossom Chamber Music in SW

Mendelssohn, Schubert and others will be featured by the SW Chamber Players on Thurs., Mar. 30, at 7:30 pm at St. Augustine Episcopal Church, Maine Ave. and Sixth St. SW.

Outstanding artists on this evening's program will be Peggy Orchowski, violin; Eliza Platts-Mills, cello; Gwyn Jones and Visnja Kosanovic, flute; Nancy Sulfridge, clarinet; Rosemarie Ruiz Houghton, soprano and David Ehrlich, piano

Admission is free, with donations appreciated. A reception with the artists follows.

Ann's Beauty Supply Shop

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Candidates For Mayor Mar. 30

Ward 6 Democrats, chaired by SW resident Jan Eichhorn, has collected 5 candidates for Mayor to speak or debate or whatever at Eastern High School, East Capitol St. and 17th St. NE on Thurs. Mar. 30. It is a public meeting. Every Ward 6 voter registered as a Democrat is automatically a member of Ward 6 Democrats.. Doors will open at Eastern at 7 pm and the candidate forum will begin at 7:30 pm. A straw poll will be taken at the meeting to see which candidates get the most support.

Free parking in Stadium-Armory Parking lot 3 from 6 to 10:30 pm The Stadium-Armory Metro stop is nearby.

Candidates for District Council representing Ward 6 will appear at a forum Tues. Apr. 25 at Hine Jr. High across Penna. Ave. SE from the Eastern Market Metro Stop at 7th St. SE.

At large candidates will be invited to a May forum.

Endorsements by Ward 6 Dems will be decided at a meeting in July.



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The Plan For The Southwest Waterfront

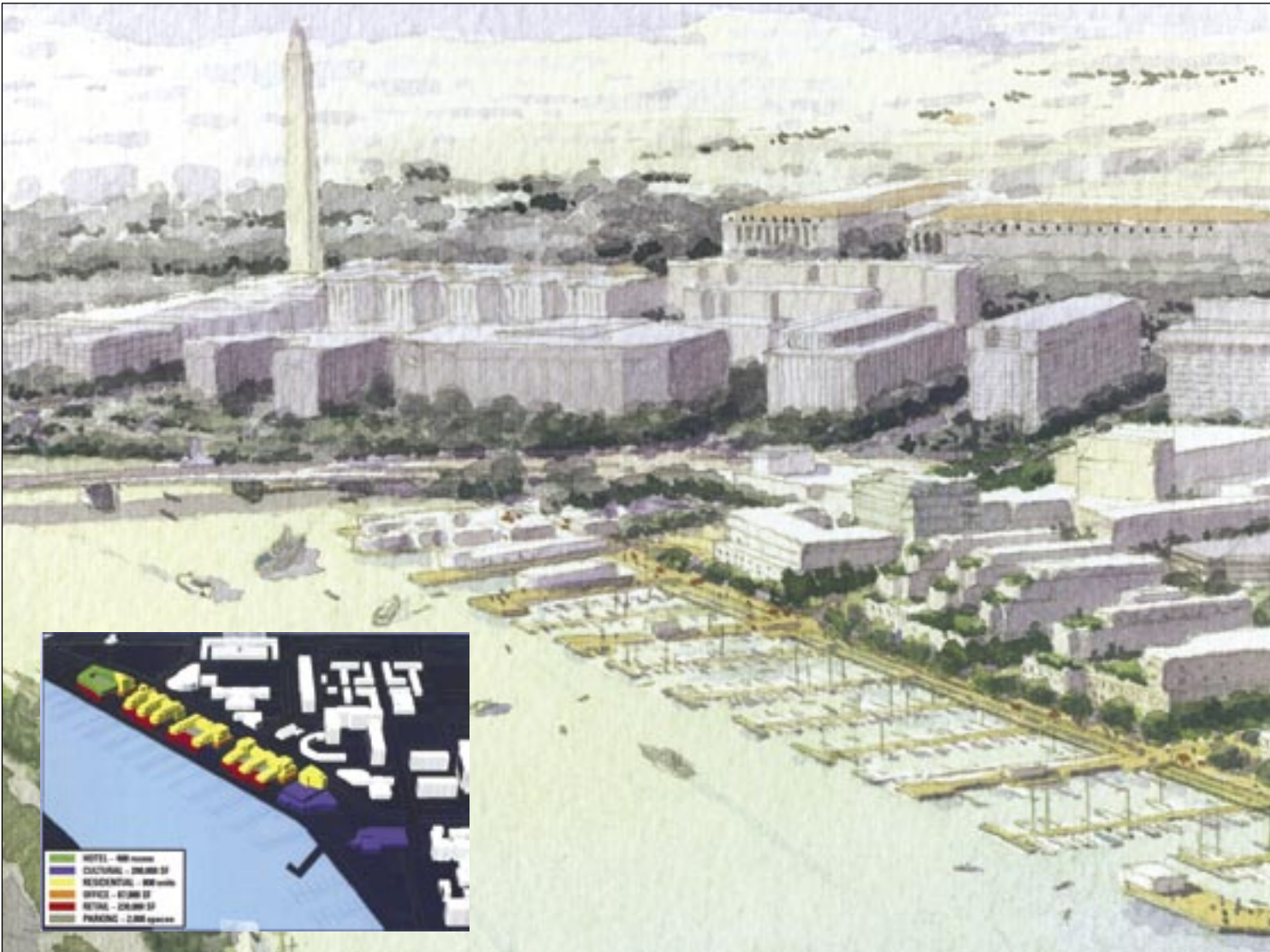
Between the years 2000 and 2003 the D.C. Office of Planning led the effort to adopt a plan for redeveloping the Southwest Waterfront, as well as plans for other waterfront areas.

In 2003 the Council of the District of Columbia approved the Southwest Waterfront Plan as a “Small Area Plan.”

Key recommendations of the plan, as described in the March 1 RFEI include:

- 1) Eliminate Water Street;
- 2) Replace existing low rise buildings with mid- to high-rise buildings with “structured parking, ground floor retail, housing, hotel and cultural uses.”
- 3) More public open spaces
- 4) Improved pedestrian connections to the Mall, Metro and M St. SW.
- 5) Retain the assets of the area like the Fish Wharf , Yacht Club and live-aboard vessels and improve public access to the river.

The plan includes about 800 units of residential, restaurants and cafes, small offices, a hotel with 400 rooms, a museum, 2000 below grade or enclosed parking spaces, marinas, public piers, and retail.



This drawing of how the SW Waterfront might look a few years from now is in the 2003 Waterfront Plan. See website www.anacostiawaterfront.net. INSET: This graphic from teh SW Waterfront Plan show new construction filling in Water Street. In red are the lower level retail shops. In yellow are apartments and condos. In gree a hotel at the 10th Street end. In purple are cultural buildings at the M. Street end. For more information visit www.swwaterfrontdc.com

RIVER PARK FRIENDS NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS NOW.

In 2005, River Park Friends has supported the following activities in Southwest D. C. -- :

- South Washington/West of the River Family Strengthening Collaborative for a Summer Reading Camp for about 25 children to participate in relevant field trips, and other activities;
- EmmaUS Learning Center for a 6-week summer enrichment program for about 15 students;
- OurPlaceDC which supports women returning to the community from incarceration;
- Children’s Environmental Health Network, providing a scholarship for a student to develop talents in environmental and cultural areas;
- Matthew Henson Earth Conservation Center

We have made other funding commitments and expect additional meritorious applications. We have had to defer or reduce funding of some applications.

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And also on those three Sundays luncheon tours aboard the 85 foot , carpeted and air conditioned Motor Yacht Finished Business will leave at noon and will cost \$50 per person. The Sunday yacht trips will feature "High Tea" luncheons at private tables placed throughout Finished Business. Reservations and advance purchase of tickets must be made for the Sunday yacht trips, at 202-554-0677.

All trips depart from the Washington Marina, under the 14th St. Bridge at 1300 Maine Ave. S.W. Directions to the private parking lot(which costs \$10) are on the web site www.capitalyacht.com. Basically cars



Photo of the yacht Finished Business.

come from 15th St. SW in the Tidal Basin area heading east on Maine Ave. The right turn into the parking lot is just before the first right turn into the fish market. Pictures of the water taxi and inside and outside of the yacht are on that web site.

Arriving at the Washington Marina parking lot by

Metro is easy too. The Smithsonian Metro stop at 12th and Independence Ave. S.W. is just 3 blocks north of Maine Ave. Cross Maine Ave. to the sidewalk and head west to the marina. Before or after the boat ride you can walk to the cherryblossoms lining the Tidal Basin and the Jefferson Memorial too.

More Cherry Blossom Events in SW

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Festival Events In SW Sat. April 1

Near 6th St. SW and Water St. SW on Sat. Apr. 1 music, children's activities, food vendors from local restaurants and fireworks will celebrate the festival. The U.S. Navy and Army, Blues Alley Youth Ensemble and a jazz group will perform, starting at 5:30 pm.

Whatever Floats Your Boat

Children can make, decorate, float and race their own model ships on a large pond near Ganplank Marina. For information contact Jessica Clark at 703-618-6089.

Kids on the Air

97.1 WASH.FM radio will have a children's booth.

The Small Schooner Spirit will be on display.



The Balloon Man is Back

The Balloon man and Japanese origami (folding paper into fanciful shapes) will entertain the children.

Fireworks at 8:15 p.m.

At 8:15 pm a fireworks display will be shot off from a barge in the SW Channel. Best viewing is from East Potomac Park or the Southwest Waterfront restaurants and promenade. (202-547-1500)

Dessert and Coffee Before the Show

Phillips Restaurant at 9th and Water St. SW will have an \$8 dessert and coffee buffet from 7-10 pm before and after the fireworks. (202-488-8515).

Cruise ship Spirit of Washington at 6th and Water St. SW has room on a \$42 lunchtime cruise with buffet and music on Wed. Apr. 5 with Cherry Blossom princesses aboard (Toll free 866-211-3811)

Noontime Acts at Tidal Basin

Free performances of music, dance, song and martial arts on a stage at the Jefferson Memorial will be held at noon every day, Aug. 25-Apr. 9 at the Tidal Basin near 15th St. SW.



Go Fly A Kite On The Mall Sat. Mar. 25

Handmade kites are in competition in various age groups at the annual Smithsonian Institution Kite Festival, Sat. Mar. 25 from 10 am to 5 pm. (rain date the next day, Sun. Mar. 26). The theme is the 1960s.

Spectators can visit booths of kite experts between 4th and 7th St. (L'Enfant Metro) on the National Mall (Independence to Constitution Aves.) and see experts flying their huge kites there and at the Washington Monument Grounds between 14th and 17th St. (Smithsonian Metro). Check the web site www.kitefestival.org.

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Emancipation Day Holiday Mon. Apr. 17

A special holiday in Washington D.C. Mon. Apr. 17 will celebrate President Abraham Lincoln's signing of a bill by Congress ending slavery in Washington, D.C. – eight months before he issued his preliminary Emancipation Proclamation on Jan. 1, 1863 applying to the whole country.

Two events on Sun. Apr. 16 have been announced by the National Park Service – one a wreath-laying at 10 am at the Emancipation Statue at Lincoln Park, between 11th and 13th St. NE on East Capitol St., and ringing of the U.S. Congressional Bells in the tower of the Old Post Office, 12th and Pennsylvania Ave. NW at 7 pm.

The Jan. 1, 1863 Emancipation Proclamation is on display at the National Archives, 7th and Constitution Ave NW (Archives Metro, or Circulator Bus from 6th and M St. S.W.)

Molly Smith Speaks Mar. 30

Molly Smith, artistic director of Southwest's Arena Stage, will share her vision of the future of our local theater at the Woman's National Democratic Club (WNDC) at a speaker-luncheon on Tuesday, March 30th. Smith, a native of Alaska, first came to Washington in the 1970's to study theater.

After receiving her undergraduate degree from Catholic University of America's Drama School, and her graduate degree in theater from American University, Molly Smith returned to found the Perseverance Theater in her hometown of Juneau. Twenty years later, Smith returned to Washington to lead Arena Stage.

During eight Arena seasons, Molly Smith has explored the works of American writers, making Arena the largest theater in the nation to exclusively produce American plays - a number of them new works commissioned for the Arena Stage. On the evening after Molly Smith's appearance at the WNDC, the musical, "Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill", will open at Arena's Kreeger Theater. The musical, set in a Philadelphia nightclub in 1959, presents jazz/blues singer Billie Holiday in a performance at the end of her career.

Members of the Southwest community are welcome to attend the speaker-luncheon honoring Molly Smith and the Arena Stage on Tuesday, March 30th. There will be a reception at noon with the luncheon at 12:30 followed by the talk by Molly Smith. The price for club members is \$19.00 and the price for non-members is \$25.00. Please make reservations with Pat Fitzgerald at (202)232-7363 ext. 3003 or via email at pfitzgerald@democraticwoman.org. Memberships are available.

The Woman's National Democratic Club is located at 1526 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, a short walk from the Dupont Circle metro station's north exit

Neighbors Invited To River Park Friends

Neighbors in S.W. should hear of the excellent work being done by volunteer and non-profit groups in Southwest. These groups will be reporting on their year of activity and how their grants from River Park Friends helped S.W. - at the South Common Room, 1311 Delaware Ave. SW Wed. Mar. 29 at 7:30 pm.

For information: Coralie Farlee, President, 202-554-4407.

ANC Giving Grants

Grants of \$500 each will be awarded by the SW/SE ANC6D for 12 projects in the neighborhood that are for public purposes but not to individuals or for food or entertainment or to support festivals or to

agencies funded by the District government. Also "ANC 6D does not generally provide funding to compensate individuals for services usually performed by adult volunteers or organization officers."

Applications must be submitted to Naomi Monk at 300 M St. S.W., #N108, Washington, D.C. 20024. Application forms with 13 items to be answered can be picked up at the ANC office 65 I (Eye) St. SW, or downloaded and printed from the web site www.anc6d.org. Attached must

be "the proposal, itemized budget showing all projected expenses and supporting documents, including financial statements, newspaper clippings, brochures, etc." After a committee decides which applications to recommend, the ANC will make the final decision at a meeting. This is expected to take 9 to 12 weeks.

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Javon Abney Wins Award

Javon Abney, a sixth grader from Anthony Bowen Elementary School in Southwest DC, appeared at center court at the MCI Center in Feb. to receive an award for an essay he wrote. He was one of ten winning essays out of 1,600 essays submitted. The title of his essay was "Why My Teacher is Special To Me." The essay follows:

"John Bontempo is important to me because he takes time out for me. Mr. Bontempo really cares about his students. He has taken me out to eat and sends me a postcard from Pittsburgh every Christmas.

"He and I spend a lot of time together. We go to the movies and the park. Last year he took me to the airport to watch the planes take off. I have never been so close to an airplane!

"We also went to a Wizards basketball

game at the MCI Center. After the game we went to McDonald's. This was my first time to a Wizards game.

"Mr. Bontempo takes time to help me with my work and my attitude. Sometimes I get mad at him but I do what he asks me to do.

"I have been in Mr. Bontempo's class since the third grade. I came from another elementary school and had a hard time with my work. Mr. B. took the time to sit down and help. He never gave up on me. Since the third grade Mr. Bontempo has done all he could for me.

"This year I graduate from the 6th grade and will be going to junior high. I am nervous. Mr. Bontempo has promised to help me and to make sure I do well. This is why Mr. Bontempo is important to me."

Jeff PTA Welcomes Neighbors

Jefferson Jr. High's Parent-Teacher Association welcomes interested residents even if they are not parents of Jeff students.

The next meeting of the PTA (with light refreshments) is 6 pm Tues. Apr. 4 in the auditorium, - entrance from the H St. parking lot half a block in from 7th St. S.W.

Ms. Toney advises The Southwester that "Community Partners" can pay the regular \$10 dues and take an active part in promoting the school through PTA meetings.

Grants for S.W. Students in College

Applications are available at the S.W. Branch Library for high school graduates or continuing undergraduate college students living in zip code 20024 (Near SW DC). Over the past 31 years contributions gathered from friends and residents of Southwest have helped over 200 students with the cost of books, fees and transportation.

Deadline for applying for the grants - usually between \$400 and \$1,000 a year - is May 15. Grade reports and reports of community service help decide the amount of the grant.

Youth Jobs At The Rec Department

Summer jobs for youth ages 15 and up are being given out by the D.C. Dept. of Parks and Recreation. Lifeguard positions will be filled by youth ages 15 and up - male or female. Day camp staff will be selected from youth 16 years of age or older. The age of 18 and up is required for residential, daycare and maintenance staff positions. Photo ID is required. Some jobs are at day camps and some at the residential "sleep away" camp 88 miles from DC.

Application information is available at the website www.dpr.dc.gov and may be sent by e-mail, regular mail or dropping off at D.C. Parks and Recreation, Summer Employment, 3149 16th St NW, Washington, DC, 200010. The main phone no. is 202-673-7603.

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Elections! The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) will hold elections for all positions at the Waterside Mall on Saturday, March 25th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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